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SUBJECT: PUBLICATION OF TOP SECRET DOCUMENTS

1. WEEKLY DOMENICA DEL CORRIERE FOR SEPTEMBER 4 CARRIES A COVER STORY ARTICLE ENTITLED: "WE PHOTOGRAPHED SECRET DOCUMENTS OF KISSINGER AND FORD". DOCUMENTS WERE PHOTOGRAPHED BY NEWS PHOTOGRAPHER FROM THE PRESS GALLERY OF THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE WITH A TELEPHOTO LENS. THE MAGAZINE STATES THAT IT IS PUBLISHING SOME OF THOSE DOCUMENTS PHOTOGRAPHED, BUT THAT THEY ARE NOT THE "MOST SIGNIFICANT OR THE LEAST COMPROMISING". THE ARTICLE INCLUDED PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE SECRETARY READING TOP SECRET CABLES AND OF A HAND-WRITTEN NOTE OF THE PRESIDENT WHILE TALKING TO THE SECRETARY. ALL OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN AT THE CONFERENCE AT HELSINKI. THE TEXT OF THE ARTICLE QUOTES TWO CABLES (IN ITALIAN TRANSLATION). FROM THE PHOTOGRAPHS IT APPEARS THAT ONE OF THEM WAS FROM THE SITUATION ROOM TO THE SECRETARY WITH DTG 300333Z JUL '75, WITH A NUMBER "TOHAK 40". THE OTHER IS ALSO FROM THE SITUATION ROOM, ALSO DATED JULY 30. IT APPEARS TO BE "TOHAK 42" ALTHOUGH THE LATTER NUMBER IS NOT CLEAR. IT APPEARS TO BE A REPORT TO THE PRESIDNET ON THE SITUATION IN CAMBODIA; IT STARTS WITH THE WORDS "CHINESE ADVISERS IN CAMBODIA...". BOTH TELEGRAMS ARE CLASSIFIED "TOP SECRET, SENSITIVE, EYES ONLY, CONTAINES CODE WORD". MOST OTHER TEXTS OR THE FIRST PAGES OF THESE TELEGRAMS ARE EASILY LEGIBLE.

2. THERE IS ALSO A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE SECRETARY LOOKING AT WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN OUTGOING CABLE SENT TO HIM FOR SIGNATURE.

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THE VISIBLE COVER NOTE READS AS FOLLOWS "TELEGRAM TO AMMAN

FOR YOUR APPROVAL. IT SAYS: WE ARE READY TO GO AHEAD WITH RED
EYE AND VULCAN BUT WISH TO BE CERTAIN THAT HUSSEIN WISHES
TO DO THE SAME PENDING THE RESULTS OF CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION.
WITH REGARD TO HAWK, WE ARE READY TO ACT." (RETRANSLATED INTO
ENGLISH FROM THE MAGAZINE'S TRANSLATION INTO ITALIAN.)

3. COPY OF THE MAGAZINE IS BEING POUCHED TO THE ITALIAN DESK.

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